of the policemen in the security of VIPs, as claimed by Government, the number is increasing;

(d) whether it is not a fact that difference in the figures related to the policemen engaged in traffic control and those engaged in the security of VIPs are on the rise constantly; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (e) The requisite information is given below:

Year	Number of Delhi Police Personnel deployed on	
	Traffic duties	VIP security duties
2002 2003 2004	3792	6696 3862
2005(as on 31.7.05)	6693 3798	6145
	3547	7185

In addition to Delhi Police personnel, 1964 personnel of Central Para Military Forces were also deployed on security duties as on 31.7.2005.

Security to VIPs is provided on the basis of assessment of threat perception. A periodical review of security of the VIPs is conducted and the level of security is increased or decreased depending upon the level of threat.

Disaster Management Mechanism

2400. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disaster management system is in place at every level in the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Governement are satisfied with such mechanism in view of widespread damage network;

(d) whether Government have made an assessment of the functioning of disaster management network;

(e) if so, the details of assessment;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) what further steps are being taken to strengthen the disaster management mechanism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (g) A disaster management system is in place at national, State and district level in the country. With the change in orientation to one encompassing prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, relief and rehabilitation, a need was felt to further strengthen the institutional and coordination mechanism and vest it with necessary legislative back-up. The Government have, therefore, introduced the Disaster Management Bill, 2005 in the Rajya Sabha on 11.5.2005. The Bill *inter-alia* provides for constitution of Disaster Management Authorities, formulation and implementation of disaster management plans, establishment of Disaster Response Funds and Disaster Mitigation Funds; establishment of a National Disaster Response Force for specialist response and National Institute of Disaster Management for human resource development.

Ex-communication of Tsunami hit families

2401. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that several Tsunami hit families in Chennai have been ex-communicated;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken against the guilty ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) However, the Government of Tamil Nadu has reported a case relating to the ex-communication of five families of fishermen by the self appointed fishermen Panchayat in Tiruvallur district for the reason that they refused to part with the cash and materials received by them from Non-Governmental Organizations as Tsunami relief to the community. The Government of Tamil Nadu is seized of the matter.